

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

SNPLMA SPECIAL ACCOUNT NOMINATIONS – Round 7 Parks, Trails and Natural Areas

The Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) of 1998 provides for BLM land to be sold "for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas in Clark County" and for other purposes identified in the Act. BLM officials have outlined the procedures for nominating projects eligible for funding with the proceeds from the sales. Since these procedures require that the City submit a list of its projects each year for funding, a list is being presented for the City Council's consideration.

The City's projects are combined with those proposed by Clark County, Henderson, North Las Vegas, and regional governmental entities, including the Southern Nevada Water Authority, the Regional Flood Control District, and the Clark County Sanitation District. The projects are then evaluated and ranked by the Partners Working Group and the Federal Partners Executive Committee according to established criteria set forth in the Implementation Agreement. The actual priority ranking of the City's projects will not be known until after the Executive Committee ranks the projects and the Secretary of the Department of Interior approves the priority list sometime next year.

On November 16, 2005 the City Council approved 20 projects for SNPLMA Round 7 nomination. On June 21, 2006 the City Council approved a revised list with minor changes including more accurate cost estimates, the deletion of 1 project and the addition of 1 project. As a result of limited available funding in SNPLMA Round 7 and inability to acquire all necessary willing seller letters, this revision will move six projects to Round 8 and five to pre-planning. The pre-planning projects will be developed further and resubmitted in later rounds. The cost estimates have also been revised. The nine projects listed as Round 7 on the revised list below will be submitted to the BLM for consideration for possible funding through the Special Account established as a result of the SNPLMA. The list is based on the current availability of land for the projects and on the opportunity to develop the projects in the immediate future. Funding that becomes available to the City for the projects selected will be programmed for construction/development within the next two to three years. A map is included with this agenda item to identify the location of specific projects.

SNPLMA PROJECT NOMINATIONS:

#	Project Name	Cost (\$ millions)	Comments
1	Urban Pathways	\$8.0	Pre-Planning for later round
2	Indian Hills Park	\$14.9	Too Costly for Round 7 - Proposed Round 8
3	Doolittle Park Renovation	\$15.6	Pre-Planning for Proposed Round 8

4	Entertainment Trail	\$3.2	Proposed Round 7
5	Art Trail	\$5.6	Proposed Round 7
6	Open Space Desert Preserve Trail at Alta & Hualapai	\$5.4	Proposed Round 7
7	Cragin Park Renovation	\$11.6	Proposed Round 7
8	Natural Area Preserve – Lone Mountain West	\$21.0	2 of 6 WS letters received; proposed Round 8
9	Vias Verdes	\$5.9	PP for later round
10	Floyd Lamb Improvements & Restoration	\$7.0	600 Acres in CTA; EA is in process; could defer to later rounds
11	Acquisition of Gilcrease Orchards	\$40.6	0 of 1 WS letters received; proposed Round 8
12	Las Vegas Wash Park Phase 2	\$6.7	Pre-Planning for later round
13	Northwest Equestrian Park Phase 1	\$8.7	Proposed Round 7
14	Lorenzi Park Expansion	\$20.0	0 of 5 WS letters received; proposed Round 8
15	Gilmore La Madre Trail	\$5.4	2 of 6 WS letters received; proposed Round 8
16	Lone Mountain Area Trail Safety Enhancements	\$6.0	Proposed Round 7
17	Paseo Vegas	\$0.9	Proposed Round 7
18	Gilmore Cliff Shadows Park	\$7.7	Proposed Round 7
19	Lorenzi Recreation Center	\$39.2	Pre-Planning for later round
20	Las Vegas Springs Preserve - Phase II Trails and Historic Railroad Cottages	\$11.0	Proposed Round 7
Total all projects		\$244.4	
Total Round 7 Projects		\$60.1	

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS:

1. URBAN PATHWAYS

Amount Requested: \$8 million

This application is to acquire sites and construct activity nodes for the implementation the downtown urban pathways concept. The urban pathways are a network of cultural and recreation nodes, linked by pedestrian corridors and trails. This network will provide the amenities that are found in traditional central parks, but will be located in a dispersed pattern throughout downtown.

2. INDIAN HILLS PARK

Amount Requested: \$14.9 million

This 10.61-acre site in the Northwest sector of Las Vegas at the intersection of Fort Apache Road and Iron Mountain Road is adjacent to existing two elementary schools. The City currently holds a lease from the Bureau of Land Management on the site. The proposed Indian Hills Park will feature ramadas, tot lot facilities for both 2 – 5 year and 5 –12 year age groups, a water splash pad, walking paths, two synthetic turf fields, restrooms and a parking area. The park will satisfy the recreation needs of the immediate neighborhood. The proposed project includes construction of the park and related amenities.

3. DOOLITTLE FIELD RENOVATION

Amount Requested: \$15.6 million

Constructed in 1965 and encompassing 15 acres, Doolittle Park is in need of renovation. New turf, irrigation system, backstops, and updated and leveled DG infields to accommodate both baseball and softball are necessary as this park is consistently being used and is one of the more heavily trafficked parks in the city. Updated field lighting to align the park with the modern computer-operated lighting system is desired. A renovated picnic area to facilitate the security and safety of spectators and passive guests in the park is an additional goal.

4. ENTERTAINMENT TRAIL

Amount Requested: \$3.2 million

The Entertainment Trail extends along 9th Street from Fremont Street to Clark Avenue. As part of an emerging network of urban trails linking cultural activities in and around the downtown area, the Entertainment Trail will serve as a primary pedestrian link from the Fremont Street Experience, downtown nightclubs and other cultural events to the Las Vegas Academy Performing Arts Center. Street improvements will facilitate pedestrian safety and access to existing and planned transit stops, employment and retail..

5. ART TRAIL

Amount Requested: \$5.6 million

The Art Trail extends along 1st Street from Bonneville Avenue to Boulder Avenue. As part of an emerging network of urban trails linking cultural activities in and around the downtown area, the Art Trail will serve as a primary pedestrian link between downtown and the Arts District. Improvements proposed for this trail include removing existing sidewalk and replacing it with 10' sidewalk and a 5' amenity zone, trail banners, wayfinding kiosks and art installations, benches, trash receptacles and bike racks. The cost for any right-of-way acquisition is not included in the estimate.

6. OPEN SPACE DESERT PRESERVE TRAIL AT ALTA/HUALAPAI

Amount Requested: \$5.4 million

On 18 acres of vacant land this parcel provides open space and provides a buffer between housing and office buildings, and protects a significant arroyo that runs through Angel Park golf course. The intended use of this site is natural desert preserve, with fitness/nature trail, occasional shaded benches and rest areas that overlook the surrounding area.

7. CRAGIN PARK RENOVATION
Amount Requested: \$11.6 million

Built in 1958 and measuring approximately 15 acres, Cragin Park is in need of additional lighting for its athletic fields and restroom area to facilitate safety and use during nighttime visits to the park. The baseball field at the northern location of the park will be removed to accommodate two end-to-end soccer fields. The soccer fields require refurbishing with artificial turf to support the teams and public use of the fields. Gross improvement area acreage is 8 acres. Resurface the four basketball courts and add new backboards for courts. Provide additional site parking in existing Cragin Pool location upon demolition.

8. NATURAL AREA PRESERVE – LONE MOUNTAIN WEST

Amount Requested: \$21 million

This 30-acre site consists of 6 privately owned parcels situated on the western edge of the Las Vegas Valley, adjacent to the Red Rock National Conservation Area. The site provides sweeping views of the Valley and contains rugged terrain. Despite the topography, interest in developing the parcels for residential use is high. Because development may alter the mountain slopes and the natural backdrop of the valley, it is important to preserve these parcels in their natural state. Funds will be used to acquire the property for conservation purposes. This project can also provide an important link to other SNPLMA funded projects, as the parcels are located in between the La Madre Mountain and Lone Mountain Trailheads (Round 4.)

9. VIAS VERDES PHASE 1

Amount Requested: \$5.9 million

The Vias Verdes is a regional open space corridor that will eventually surround the Las Vegas Valley protecting the visual back drop of the community and providing access to surrounding recreational areas. The envisioned open space desert preserve and trails complex will stretch from Cheyenne north to U.S. 157, and provide a transition between urban development and Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. This phase of the project will concentrate on a 2.5 acre area west of Cliff Shadows Parkway, north of Alexander Road and adjacent to the boundary of Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. The open space complex will include a network of natural trails and hard surface trails that are ADA compliant.

10. FLOYD LAMB IMPROVEMENTS & RESTORATION

Amount Requested: \$7 million

Project includes infrastructure improvements, upgrades and enhancements to existing facilities such as historic buildings, natural resources including four small lakes, landscape features including desert gardens and native cottonwood trees, fencing, picnic areas, sidewalks and paths. Floyd Lamb State Park is listed on the Nevada State and National Registers of Historic Places for its rich history as one of the oldest working ranches, and eventually a divorce ranch, in Las Vegas. As recognized, it is imperative that the park continue to be successfully interpreted by visitors as a significant historic resource. The roughly 200,000 - 250,000 visitors per year has had an impact on the historic structures and park infrastructure, requiring renovations and upgrades to continue to convey the important contribution to Nevada's heritage.

11. ACQUISITION OF GILCREASE ORCHARDS

Amount Requested: \$40.6 million

The Gilcrease Orchard is not only the longest-operating commercial orchard in the Las Vegas Valley but also a significant natural resource. Currently threatened by encroaching development, 36-acres are already slated for construction of a residential

subdivision. In collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, this project will preserve the remaining 58-acres as a natural area. Funds will be used to acquire the property.

12. LAS VEGAS WASH PARK PHASE 2

Amount Requested: \$6.7 million

This project will provide approximately 3.9 acres of trailhead facilities. The trailhead could include interesting landscaping and seating areas integrated into the park setting. It would also include information kiosks including trail maps, parking and staging areas for cyclists, runners, and other trail users. The parcel is perfectly situated to provide trail access to the Las Vegas Wash Trail. The parcel is located in an area with changing demographics and increasing need for trails and trailhead facilities, yet development of these facilities has not kept pace due to a scarcity of land and funding.

13. NORTHWEST EQUESTRIAN PARK PHASE 1

Amount Requested: \$8.7 million

The Northwest Las Vegas Equestrian Park encompasses 320 acres, 80 of which has been released for development by the Bureau of Land Management. The main focus of this new park is to serve the needs of the local and regional equestrian communities and will have the dual purpose of meeting open space and recreation needs of other Valley residents. The Park will include indoor show arena, outdoor rodeo arena, three horse barns with 360 stalls, trail head, RV campground, grand prix multi-use area, maintenance building, administration building, events plaza with concessions and a variety of indoor and outdoor practice arenas.

14. LORENZI PARK EXPANSION

Amount Requested: \$20 million

At approximately 60 acres, Lorenzi Park is the oldest park in the City of Las Vegas, built in 1921. The park is one of the few land areas available for public recreation and leisure in Ward 5. The vacated retail establishment to the northeast corner of the park is an opportunity for the city to acquire additional space for this regional park. The double street frontage of the corner lot would provide ample space for better public accessibility to the park site and for creating an appealing and creative edge to the surrounding urban view.

15. GILMORE LAMADRE TRAIL

Amount Requested: \$5.4 million

The Gilmore La Madre Trail will connect previously funded SNPLMA projects, the Lone Mountain Trail (Round 3) and the La Madre Mountain and Lone Mountain Trailheads (Round 4) to improve access and connectivity for users. This project is related to two other proposed Round 7 projects, the trail will cross through the proposed Natural Area Preserve and connect to the proposed Gilmore Cliff Shadows

Park. This project includes right-of-way acquisition in order to construct a pedestrian and equestrian trail along Cliff Shadows Parkway.

16. LONE MOUNTAIN AREA TRAIL SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

Amount Requested: \$6.0 million

A number of planned trails and parks converge in the area around Alexander Road and Hualapai Way. This project will construct one at-grade signalized crossing and one pedestrian overpass to improve pedestrian safety and access from the regional trails system to parks and recreation areas.

17. PASEO VEGAS

Amount Requested: \$0.9 million

Utilizing street rights-of-way, this project includes improvements on Bruce Street, between Charleston Boulevard and Stewart Avenue; on Stewart Avenue between Bruce Street and Pecos Road; and on Pecos Road between Stewart Avenue and the Cedar Channel to provide trail connectivity within a developed portion of the city. This project includes design and construction of sidewalks, benches, lighting and other amenities.

18. GILMORE CLIFF SHADOWS PARK

Amount Requested: \$7.7 million

At the western end of the Lone Mountain Trail (funded in Round 3), this 8-acre site will be an activity center and rest station for trail users. Park amenities include a restroom, children's play areas, open turf areas, walking paths, picnic shelters and shade structures situated to capture dramatic city views. This project is a partnership between private developers in the Lone Mountain West Master Plan Area and the City of Las Vegas, as developer contributions are anticipated to fund a portion of the cost. The city has a Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Lease from the Bureau of Land Management for this property. The proposed project would include the design and construction of the community park and related amenities.

19. LORENZI RECREATION CENTER

Amount Requested: \$39.2 million

An approximate 45,000 square foot multigenerational community recreation center located on the 60-acre Lorenzi Park campus is desired to serve the recreation needs of the population. A gymnasium, fitness room, multi-purpose rooms for gymnastics or dance, and patio space connecting to the park will allow for easy accessibility and a peaceful park setting away from the busy city streets. The park was constructed in 1921 and the earliest buildings were constructed in 1949. The project would consolidate the separate smaller buildings that are currently being used by senior citizens and people with disabilities and centralize recreation activities under one roof, providing more efficient use of the parkland. Coordinating construction of the new community

recreation building with the existing Round 6 SNPLMA funding awarded for the master plan and renovation of the park is ideal and would allow for more fluid exchange of park and building design components during the development process.

20. LAS VEGAS SPRINGS PRESERVE TRAILS SYSTEM PHASE II

Amount Requested: \$11.0 million

This proposal will request \$11,000,000 for the development of Phase II of the Trails and outdoor support facilities for the gardens, trails and natural areas of the Preserve. This will include an ecological restoration exhibit area for the Las Vegas bearpoppy, which will highlight one of the few remaining populations of this rare plant species. The exhibit and ramada will discuss the threats to the bearpoppy throughout the Las Vegas Valley and detail restoration efforts currently underway to ensure the species survival. The trails will also feature ramadas of the Little Springhouse, historic well derricks, connection of the Springs Preserve to other historic trails in the southwest, restoration of the historic Las Vegas creek channel and discussions of the resource management strategies and challenges of the Springs Preserve. The project will also include the restoration and interpretation of four historic railroad cottages recently relocated to the Springs Preserve from downtown Las Vegas. These cottages are some of the last remaining structures from the first community that settled in the valley 100 years ago. The railroad cottages will be incorporated into the trails system to recreate the first urban development in Las Vegas.